

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Phillip MERRICK, et al.

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For: XML REMOTE PROCEDURE CALL (XML-RPC)

## AMENDMENT

## MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Request for Reconsideration filed March 20, 2003, and the Advisory

Action mailed April 10, 2003, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 149-152 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the remaining claims to read as follows:

125. (Amended) A method of invoking a service at a first machine from a second machine, comprising the steps of generating a service invocation request message at said second machine using a markup language-based message encoding, and transmitting said service invocation request from said second machine, wherein said message includes plural elements representing data items of at least one argument and which are associated with type labels selected from an encoding group having a predetermined number of members, with at least two of said members designating elements containing other elements associated with type labels belonging to said group.